Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know when is the educational year beginning? Is it in Mithunam ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It is in the end of May.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Was it not enough to sanction the amount after the building was completed ?

President.—Nobody thought that the building would be completed.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—So, on the anticipation they made the emergency allotment.

President.—Anticipations are not fulfilled.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I think comments after the questions are answered are not allowable under the Rules.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—We want to understand things. We were asking the Chair to give us better opportunities to have our say in the matter since we get always vague answers like 'we cannot say' and 'now it may not be possible.' I want to show to you that in giving you the information to sanction the emergency expenditure you were pulled the other way. They don't answer my question.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—This pulling and all sorts of things are quite undignified.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I am not casting any reflection on the President. You sanctioned the expenditure on the information given to you. Let me show to you that the information given was wrong.

President.—If I am pulled on the one side, I am equally pulled on the other side also.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I have put this question to justify our statement that the Government have certified the expenditure on anticipations.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—You simply use undignified language.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—What is the undignified language that I used? I am only giving the information that I have got. I am not using any undignified or unparliamentary language. (*Hear, hear.*)

Dr. A. R. Menon.—On a point of order, Sir. This cannot be allowed.

Investment of money in the Cochin Tanneries.

160. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

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(a) what amount of money stands now invested in the Cochin Tanneries, Ltd., by Government on the 1st of Karkadagam 1103;

(b) what steps they have taken for the recovery of the amount from the company;

(c) what proposals they have either for the working of the company in future or liquidating the same;

(d) will the Government be pleased to state the name of the present Directors of the company including the Government Directors?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—(a), (b), (c) and (d). Government have nothing more to add to what has already been furnished in answer to question No. 43 of the last Budget Session.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I want to know whether any other steps were taken since the answer was given.

President.—I suppose there was a meeting of the Economic Development Board.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That I know.

President.—There was no quorum and so the meeting dispersed. That is one thing that happened. You wanted to discuss Mr. Netto's proposals. He was present. You had some informal talk with him, is it not?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Yes.

President.—How does the matter stand now?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—He put forward certain proposals and conditions. We said that we cannot accept all the conditions, and he was asked to reconsider and submit fresh proposals. The details of the information have not been furnished.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That is to work the Tanneries. What suggestions are proposed to recover the Government money from the Tanneries?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Before this point is considered, the idea is to put it into working order.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—How long has it been closed?

President.—Three or four years.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Has any examination of the place been made since then? Whether the pits are in order?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Is it after it was closed?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I am asking whether any examination of the place has been made this year?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It was three years ago when it was closed. No examination has been made this year.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I make a statement that the pits are crumbling down. The engines are deteriorating and if they

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are not looked into, you will have to sell it for the iron. That would be the result. I have also got some money to recover from the place. I am also anxious. Being a very small shareholder I cannot give any effective voice.

President.—Nobody will come forward to take it on lease. Messrs. Best and Co., are in charge of the Mysore Tanneries. I wrote to them and they said they cannot undertake this. Then there was an idea of getting down the Mysore expert since he gave up his connections with the Mysore Tanneries. Further it is said that crome tanning is not a paying concern. Bark tanning is a paying concern and this was Mr. Netto's proposal.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Who is this Mr. Netto?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—He is now in the leather trade in Madras.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Is he the owner of any tanning business?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—He is carrying on leather business.

President.— Anyhow the committee thought that his proposals were worthy of consideration.

Investment of Government money.

161. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to supply the following particulars with regard to the various investments of Government moneys now pending to the credit of the Government:—

(a) date of investment;
(b) amount invested;
(c) place of investment;
(d) rate of interest and other important terms, if any;
(e) date of repayment;
(f) nature of the security, if any?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—A statement showing the particulars is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

Contagious shed of the Trichur Municipality.

162. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether their attention has been drawn to interpellations 1 to 6 regarding the contagious shed of the Trichur Municipality which were published in the Government Gazette, dated 9th Kanni 1102;

(b) whether they would be pleased to give accurate answers therefor;

(c) whether their attention has been drawn to an article regarding same in the "Suprabhatham" of the same date and if

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